

TO THE
King's Most Excellent Maiefty.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace and Military Officers of the County of HEREFORD.

May it please Your Sacred Majesty,

THough we are infinitely satisfied that the Administration of the Government since your Majesties Happy and Miraculous Restauration is such as doth in Excellency out-do all other parts of the Christian World, and is every way equal to that of Your most Renowned Ancestors for Justice and Mercy, and needs not the weak Suffrage of your most Devoted Subjects and Servants to Attest it: Yet since Your Majesty hath for the satisfaction of Your People so far manifested Your Royal Goodness and Gracious Condescension as to Publish Your late Declaration to dis-abuse the Credulous, to inform the Ignorant, and to call back the Lapsed to their lost station of Integrity; we conceive it our Duty in such a discriminating time of Loyalty and Indifferency (if not Faction) to give Your Majesty some Assurances of the content and pleasure we enjoy daily under Your Protection and Sovereign Power, by the steady Conduct whereof we are at once Safe, Peaceable and Happy. The frequent Instances we have received of Your Majesties Resolution to Defend and Support the true *Protestant Religion*, as by Law now Established, to extirpate Popery, to discountenance Fanaticism, raise our late dejected Hearts to an Excess of Joy, to see Your Majesty govern by the known Laws of the Land, disavowing all other ways, neither exercising Arbitrary Power Your Self, or permitting it in others our Fellow-Subjects, is the great Charter of our Liberty, and security of our Poperty: nor need we repeat our *Petition of Right*, when our Prince himself so strictly Observes, and so kindly Contends for it, That Your Majesty is pleased to believe that Parliaments are the best Method for healing the Distempers of the Kingdom, and the only means to preserve the Monarchy in that due Credit and Respect it ought to have both at home and abroad: That no Irregularities can make You out of love with Parliaments, but that You are resolved to have frequent ones, must needs convince us, that if by our Ingratitude we forfeit not these Blessings, we are the happiest People under Heaven in a King and Government. From the due sense of so eminent Mercies, and for the better ensuring the same to us, and our Posterities, we do entirely and unanimously, as one man, devote our Selves, our Lives and Fortunes to the Preservation of Your Majesties

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Sacred Person, Your Heirs and Lawful Successors, and the Government in Church and State, as now by Law Established. We do with horror and grief of Heart remember, that by the Barbarous Murder of Your Great Father of Blessed Memory the Monarchy was shattered and interrupted, and our Lives, Liberties and Fortunes subjected to Tyranny, Oppression and Arbitrary Power. In his Grave was our admirable Government Buried, and in Your Majesties happy Restitution Raised again to the highest pitch of Greatness and Glory: In that Line may it still continue, till Kingdoms themselves shall be no more. Such weak Testimonies we humbly offer; not that we conceive we do hereby add any thing to the Greatness of Your Government, but it is a pleasure to us to give new Engagements of that warm Loyalty which we feel in our Breasts for Your Majesty: and though we have no reason to think it is in the least suspected, yet we know not but that our repeated Vows of Fidelity and Duty may be as grateful to our Dread Sovereign, as to His Subjects it is delightful to hear his frequent Promises solemnly made of Preserving our Religion, Liberty and Property: However this will serve to convince the world, that we are not unreasonable Petitioners, or joyn with that Herd that call their own subtle Contrivances *Vox Populi*, and in time (if they succeed) will be apt as much to mis-call it *Vox Dei*. Our Debates are calm and honest, our Resolutions faithful, our Loyalty unshaken: For Your Majesty we preserve our Fortunes and Lives, and for Your Majesty (if ever we are called to it) will Sacrifice both and die.

*Your Majesties most Obedient, most Loyal, and
Humble Subjects and Servants.*

This Address was Signed by Fifty nine Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace and Officers of the Militia, Chearfully, Freely and Voluntarily; no Person whoever saw it, and to whom it was tendered, regretting or refusing to Sign it, except one.

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